GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
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SOCIO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EAST
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken the major policy decisions for socio-economic development of the North Eastern Region and if so, the details thereof;;

(b) the details of projects financed by the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (NEDFCL) and the funds allocated/utilised during each of the last three years and the current year, project-wise;

(c) whether the NEDFCL has scaled down disbursement target during the financial year 2013-14 and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and

(d) the other steps being taken by the Government for economic development of North Eastern Region?

Answer

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region [General (Dr.) V.K. Singh (Retd.)]

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government has taken major policy decisions for socio-economic development of the North Eastern Region whereby 10% of the Annual Plan Budget of non-exempted Ministries/ Departments of the Union Government is earmarked every year for spending in North Eastern Region, since1998-99.

A plan scheme of capacity building & technical assistance for building capacities of NER youth for employability & entrepreneurial skill and also develop competencies of State Government functionaries to ensure good governance. To improve livelihood prospects of women, unemployed youth and most disadvantaged groups, A World Bank assisted North East Rural Livelihood Project has become effective since March 2012 in the States of Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura and Sikkim. The project will cover 3 Lakh rural households in a period of five years.

(b) The details of projects financed by the North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (NEDFCL) and the funds allocated/utilised during each of the last three years and the current year, project-wise are given at Annexure.

(c) No, Sir. NEDFCL has not scaled down disbursement target during the financial year 2013-14. The Corporation disbursed an amount of Rs. 364.70 crore during Financial Year 2013-14 which was 4.6 per cent higher than the disbursements amount of Rs.348.80 crore during Financial Year 2012-13.

(d) The unspent amount out of 10% earmarked Annual Development Plan Budget(s) for North Eastern Region of various Central Ministries/Departments is surrendered at the close of each financial year and is accrued in the Non-Lapsable Pool of Resources (NLPR) maintained on a proforma basis by Ministry of Finance. This fund in NLPR is utilised for funding socio- economic infrastructure projects in North Eastern Region through Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) and NLCPR-Central Schemes of the Ministry. Apart from sanction of various special packages for development of North Eastern Region from time to time Government announced North East Road Corporation with provision of Rs. 200.00 Crore and Organic Farming in North East States with provision of Rs.100.00 Crore in the Budget 2014-15.